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claimed subject matter.

Cited Art

Kenner, et al., U.S. Patent 6,112,239, Filed Jun. 18, 1997, Patent Issued Aug. 29, 2000: Teaches a distributed data storage network with multiple servers maintaining copies of the same multimedia data. Network performance is analyzed, and this information is used to select the server best situated on the network to deliver multimedia content.

Jukka, EP 1 065 844 A2 (Stonesoft OY), Date of Publication 3 Jan. 2001: This reference is not believed to be prior art since it was published after the US filing date and after the priority date of the subject application although it was filed as a European Patent application before the US filing date and before the priority date. Nevertheless, it teaches distributing IP traffic connections among a plurality of different routes. A route is selected for the new connection and the packets of that connection have their source IP addresses translated to new IP addresses associated with the selected route. Selection of a route is based upon predefined criteria such as round trip times measured by a method involving packet replication.

Brinkman, EP 0 993 146 A2, Published 12.04.2000: This reference is not believed to be prior art since it was published after the US filing date. Teaches a method for measuring network delays and performing stress analysis. Each node has the ability to recognize and process a special test message. The test message is sent along a specific route through the network specified by the initiator. Each node places its local time in the packet as the packet is processed at that node. The packet traverses the network along the specified path and the time stamps provide the ability to analyze delays seen by each node and the round trip time under various conditions of load.

Dunne et al., U.S. Patent 5,845,091, Filed 2/15/96, Issued 12/1/98: Teaches the use of forwarding lists for sending packets by various paths through a network to a destination. The entries on the forwarding lists represent possible paths through the network. A primary entry is the default path. The default path is used if it is valid, but, if not, then one of the other entries is used to define the path to be used.

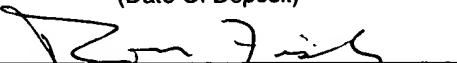
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